

OPINION 2221 (Case 3388)

***Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (currently *Agrilus angustulus*, Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name given precedence over the specific name *Buprestis pavidata* Fabricius, 1793**

Abstract. The specific name *Buprestis angustula* Illiger, 1803 (currently *Agrilus angustulus*) for a widely distributed species of jewel beetle (family BUPRESTIDAE) has been given precedence over its unused senior synonym *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793).

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; BUPRESTIDAE; *Agrilus angustulus*; *Agrilus pavidus*; buprestids; jewel beetles; Europe; Asia.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, is given precedence over the name *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) *pavidata* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Buprestis pavidata*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given precedence over the name *angustula* Illiger, 1803, as published in the binomen *Buprestis angustula*, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 3388

An application to conserve the specific name *Agrilus angustulus* (Illiger, 1803) for a widely distributed species of jewel beetle (family BUPRESTIDAE) by giving it precedence over its unused senior synonym *Agrilus pavidus* (Fabricius, 1793) was received from E. Jendek (*Institute of Zoology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia*) on 30 May 2006. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 64: 178–181. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Four supportive comments were published in BZN 64: 191–192 and in BZN 64: 261.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 June 2008 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 64: 179. At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2008 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 13: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Kottelat, Krell, Lamas, Papp, Rosenberg, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – 3: Lim, Kullander and Pape.

Fautin abstained.

No vote was received from Ng. Minelli, Patterson, Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

angustula, *Buprestis*, Illiger, 1803, *Magazin für Insektenkunde*, 2: 240.

pavida, *Buprestis*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta. Secundum classes, ordines, genera, species adjectis synonymis, locis, observationibus, descriptionibus*, vol. 1, part 2, p. 214.